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early applicants from record pool of 7,767

International students were allowed to apply in early round for first time



MIT admitted 656 early action applicants to the Class of 2020 last month, out of a pool of 7,767, according to the MIT admissions website

By Gabriella Studt

On Dec. 16, 656 students were admitted to MIT's class of 2020. With a record-high 7,767 early action applicants this year, the earlyadmission rate sunk to 8.4 percent, down from 9.6 percent last year.

The dramatic increase in early applications may be attributed to a change in policy this year. For the first time, international students were allowed to apply for consideration during the early action round of admissions.

Dean of Admissions Stuart Schmill '86 said that he was "really pleased" to be able to open early action program to international students.

The policy change "certainly made the decisions that much tougher - we received about a thousand applications from international students - but also allowed us to admit a few more students than we did last year," Schmill

Among the early admits, 6 per-

cent are international students. By comparison, about 9.7 percent of the current undergraduate student body is international.

The diversity of this year's early admits extends beyond just the geographic: 14 percent will be the first in their family to graduate from college, 27 percent identify as underrepresented minorities, and 49 percent are women.

As always, the majority of applicants were not offered early admission. Among those students, 2,175 were rejected, while the other 4,776 were deferred. The latter group will be considered again among the larger pool of regular action applicants. Schmill noted that the available housing for future MIT students is a "critical" criterion in determining the class size for each

The remainder of this year's admissions decisions will remain a mystery until spring. In all likelihood, the majority of the MIT Class of 2020 have yet to receive their acceptance letters.

MIT accepts 8.5% of | After two years, Maseeh votes to rejoin Dormitory Council Campus's largest dorm left over budgetary concerns;

now, DormCon represents all undergraduate dorms

By Divya Gopinath STAFF REPORTER

After seceding in 2013, Maseeh Hall and its Executive Council (MHEC) decided to formally rejoin MIT's Dormitory Council (DormCon) this past December. This marks the first time in over forty years that DormCon represents every dorm at MIT.

The vote (61% in favor of rejoining) was conducted during MHEC's

normal election season after almost a year of negotiation. Because rejoining DormCon required an amendment to Maseeh's own constitution, dorm policy necessitated a residentwide vote.

"DormCon contacted our house government to let us know that they had undergone a number of changes," MHEC President William S. Moses '18 said. "After a semester or two of discussion between MHEC and DormCon, the decision to reioin was

presented to the residents. Doing so required a constitutional amendment [through a] vote, which is why we are rejoining DormCon at this

MHEC originally left DormCon citing "budget-related concerns," but an MHEC member said it was a rushed, "hasty" decision, according to a Tech article published after the vote in 2013.

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Economics professors, staff move back to renovated E52



Building E52 reopened to the economics department this week following two years of extensive renovations.The facility will be renamed the "Morris and Sophie Chang Building" at a dedication ceremony this March.

MIT's economics department is moving back into Building E52 this week after more than two years of renovations to the 1938 Art Deco building, which overlooks the Charles River.

The renovations "have restored the building's grand façade on Memorial Drive, reconfigured the interior to maximize space and encourage collaboration, and significantly improved the building's operating efficiency" MIT said in a Decembe news release.

A seventh floor was added, providing more space for the MIT Faculty Club as well as a new confer-

Building E52, the original Sloan Building, also houses administrative services for the Sloan School of Management, which is now headquartered next door at E62.

On March 3, the building will officially be renamed the "Morris and Sophie Chang Building" after Morris Chang '52 and Sophie Chang who donated an undisclosed

amount to MIT for the renovations.

Economics professors, staff, and graduate students had been temporarily moved to Building E17 in

Furniture and files were still in the process of being moved back as of Wednesday, according to Lisa Desforge, an administrative officer in the economics department.

"It is great to be in our new space," Desforge wrote to department affiliate

—Leon Lin

MIT will not join CAAS, likes flexibility of its app

Discussions to modify MyMIT underway

By Emma Bingham STAFF REPORTER

MIT will not be joining the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success (CAAS), an organization of more than 80 colleges and universities that offers an alternative to the Common Application and seeks to help underserved students during the college prepara-

tion process. Reflecting the belief that "early

engagement supports under-resourced students," CAAS offers an application platform similar to the Common Application, with the addition of a virtual "locker" that students can use beginning in ninth grade to store personal reflections, artwork, letters of recommendation, and other items possibly useful for applying to college. It also has a "collaboration" feature that

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IN SHORT

The MIT Sustainability Idea Bank is collecting ideas to "make MIT a global leader in Sustainability." Submit ideas online: https://sustainabilitysolutions.mit.edu

The MIT European Career Fair will take place Feb. 6. Upload resumes online by Jan. 15: https:// ecf.fairsey.com

Students must pre-register for spring classes by 5 p.m. Jan. 15 or face an \$85 late fee. Jan. 15 is also the last day to enter the CI-H / CI-HW lotteries.

Two new Hubway stations have opened on campus, at Vassar Street West near Westgate and Pacific Street station near Sidney-Pacific. MIT subsidizes Hubway memberships, bringing the cost down to \$25/year.

GEL applications are now open. Visit https://gelp.mit.edu/admissions for deadlines and addition-

al information.

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He said in December that he was 'honored.' NEWS, p. 2

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Actor Matt Damon to speak before class of 2016 at June commencement

Cambridge native and Harvard dropout is first entertainer in 17 years to receive the honor of addressing the Institute's graduates

By Katherine Nazemi

NEWS EDITOR

Actor and filmmaker Matt Damon will be the commencement speaker for the Class of 2016, MIT announced Dec. 10.

At MIT's 139th commencement this June, he will become the first entertainer in 17 years to give the keynote address, and the first speaker in six years from a non-science background.

"I am humbled and thrilled by this invitation," Damon told the MIT News Office. "I feel a deep affinity for MIT having grown up in the neighborhood. It's quite an honor to be the commencement speaker at a school that I couldn't have gotten into."

Damon attended Harvard University, where he wrote the first draft of what would become his breakout film, *Good Will Hunting*. The Cambridge-born actor starred as the film's title character, a self-taught genius who works as a janitor at MIT, and whose brilliance is discovered after he solves a challenging problem in algebraic graph theory.

Recently, Damon starred in *The Martian*, which was released last October and had grossed \$573 million as of Dec. 6. In the film, Damon plays astronaut Mark Watney, who is forced to survive on Mars after a NASA mission leaves him behind.

Throughout his career, Damon has been nominated for six Golden Globe Awards. *Good Will Hunting*, which Damon cowrote, won an Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay, and Damon received a nomination for Best Actor.

In 2006, Damon embarked on a humanitarian mission, cofounding the H20 Africa Foundation to advocate and raise money for clean water initiatives in Africa. The foundation later merged with WaterPartners to become Water.org, and now provides microfinance loans to people in developing communities to help them gain access to safe water and sanitation.

Along with actors George Clooney, Brad Pitt, and others, Damon co-founded international aid organization Not on Our Watch to bring global attention to human rights violations.

"Mr. Damon couples a passion for his art with a passion for making the world a better place, much as our students couple a passion for science and technology with a passion to improve the world," Eric Grimson, chair of

the Commencement Committee, told the MIT News Office. "I am sure his message will inspire our students to follow that passion and tackle some of the world's great challenges, such as in water, health, or education."

Damon is "an inspiration to MIT students, teaching us that humility knows no bounds," Anish Punjabi, president of the Class of 2016, said in a statement. "The world needs more well-rounded leaders who are passionate about improving society through one genuine act of kindness at a time."

The most recent commencement speakers have included U.S. Chief Technology Officer Megan Smith '86, DuPont CEO Ellen Kullman, Dropbox founder Drew W. Houston '05, and Salman A. Khan '98, founder of Khan Academy.

Do you have a question for President Reif?

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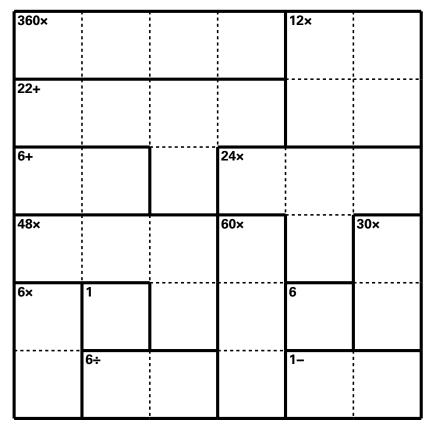
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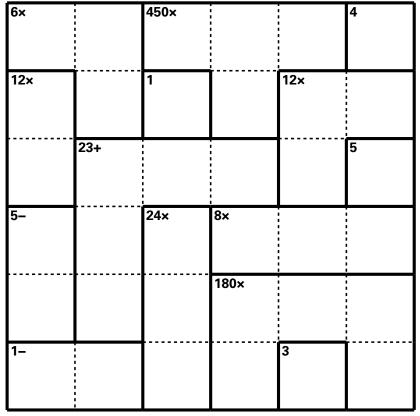
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Vowel Shortening by Bruce Venzke

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ACROSS

1 Pellet propeller

6 Smelting by-product 10 Job order notation

14 Don't do the rite thing

15 Home of Galileo Airport

16 Nothing at all

17 1/1 or 7/4

20 Investment acronym

21 Elizabethan, for instance

22 Likeness

23 Office machine

28 Insurance groups

29 Unsuccessful attempt 30 Picasso's birthplace

33 Month, for short

34 Bed threads

37 Caviling

42 Go Set a Watchman novelist

43 Comics cry

44 How bar snacks are made

45 Render unusable 47 Editorial shortening 49 Qualified negative

56 Bill of Wrongs author

57 Poe perpetrator

58 "That's so relaxing!" 59 Music much heard in

December 64 Pre-college yrs.

65 Rude look

66 Put forward

67 Bamboo, for instance

68 Fruits of legumes

69 Pursuit group

DOWN

1 West African nation

2 Raucous sound

3 Stated indirectly

4 Cronkite's WWII employer 5 Revival movement prefix

6 Sends forth flashes

7 Soap scent

8 Light gray

9 Federal auditing agcy.

10 Strong dislike

11 1978 Peace Prize sharer

12 Words of wisdom

13 Account settler

18 First-century despot

19 Mr. Potato Head piece 24 Prepare potatoes, perhaps

25 Prefix like pan-26 Persian Gulf nation

27 Artistic Chinese dynasty

30 NBC fixture since '75

31 Comedic missile 32 Eroded

33 Spread made by Smucker's

34 Legislator, in headlines

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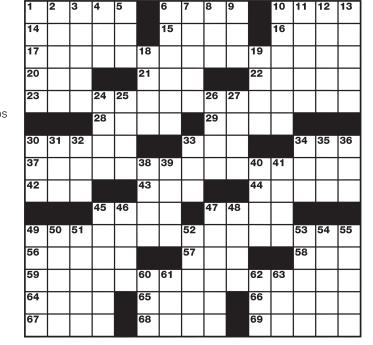
41 Savor the sunshine

45 Bad, as butter

46 Stalin's domain 47 Pasta salad seasoning

48 Library patron 49 Pilot's number

50 Rudimentary seed



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54 Novelist teaching at Princeton

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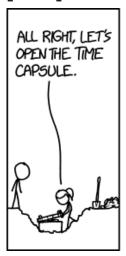
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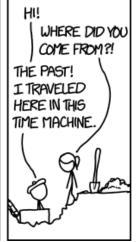
61 Elon Musk, at Tesla

62 Usual methodology: Abbr.

63 Paranormal sighting

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[1618] Cold Medicine





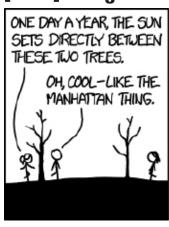






Seriously considering buying some illegal drugs to try to turn them back into cold medicine.

[1622] Henge









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I've got the Craigslist post ready to go! I wasn't sure what category it should go in, so I listed it as property and put that it

Saturday Stumper by Brad Wilber

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- 9 Pal of Duchamp and Chagall
- 14 Without walls
- 15 Nibble on a toothpick 16 Tasmanian icebreaker
- 17 Certain living-room set
- 18 One with a van line
- 19 Frontier town
- 21 Super Tuesday no. 22 Off the table
- 24 Frequent quote source
- 25 Santa Maria shipwreck site,
- 27 Maker of L'Or de Vie lotion 28 Taupe cousin
- 30 '30s champion of Ulysses
- 31 People skip its stones
- 33 Subject of a 1968 Tom Wolfe book
- 35 Whence some kits emerge
- 37 Profusion
- 38 Soviet dissidents' selfpublishing
- 42 Only city to host consecutive Super Bowls
- 45 Sit by

- 46 Hartford neighbor of Twain
- 50 Signal source-changing
- 52 What an ace keeps low
- 53 Sports accelerator 54 Small wrapper, some say
- 55 Ancient power of the
- Mediterranean 58 Avenue __ Champs-Élysées
- 59 One of a storied English sextet
- 61 Close
- 63 White coat
- 64 Sci-fi hub 65 Perfunctory
- 66 Outfitted like Colonel Mustard

DOWN

- 1 Caught
- 2 Unpopped kernel, to Redenbacher
- 3 Je ne sais quoi
- 4 Jimmy
- 5 Turkey
- 6 Genesis "man of the field"

- 7 When the Anvil Chorus is
- 8 Cutting edge in winter sports 9 Sagan's "very small stage in
- a vast cosmic arena" 10 Yeast extract for scientific research
- 11 Pampers, in Liverpool
- 12 The 2016 Aston Martin
- DB10 is its official car 13 Word from the Latin for "witness"
- 15 Wares burned before use
- 20 Different
- 23 Educated
- 26 Cellulose compound in clothing
- 28 Gets well
- 29 It makes Speed Racer go
- 32 Its logo is made from 44 of its products
- 34 Goldfish alternative
- 36 Stuffs
- 38 Object of confidence
- 39 Otter prey
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- was once the world's largest radio studio
- 57 Mogadishu-born model
- 60 Onetime owner of Abbey Road Studios
- 62 Onetime owner of the first audio trademark

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The Tech 5

WEATHER

Warm, wet weather expected Sunday

By Vince Agard
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

After a record-shattering month of December, the first burst of winter cold has hit the Institute. Ocean-effect snow showers on Monday were followed by Tuesday morning temperatures at Logan Airport plunging to 8°F (-13°C), while a steady northwesterly wind made it feel like -8°F (-22°C). Here on campus, the weather station on the roof of the Green Building recorded a low temperature of 6.9°F (-13.9°C). These temperatures were in stark contrast to the last month of 2015, in which the average high was 52°F (11°C); it was 69°F (21°C) on Christmas Eve, and the temperature only dipped below the freezing mark on four occasions. On average, the month of December was 10.6°F (5.9 K) warmer than

average, and 4.3°F (2.4 K) warmer than the next-warmest December on record.

A relatively warm ocean surface will combine with an incoming warm front to bring temperatures back above normal for the next few days. After a high of 45°F (7°C) on Wednesday, highs will remain near the temperature of the nearby sea surface (in the low 40s °F) on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. On Sunday, a low pressure system will bring a warm front along with copious amounts of rain to the Boston area. Depending on the exact track of the storm, Boston could challenge its record high temperature for January 10, which is 56°F (13°C). A cold front on Sunday night will bring an end to rain, and a return to more seasonable temperatures for the beginning

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Extended Forecast

Today: Sunny, high 43°F (6°C). Winds light and variable. **Tonight:** Clear, low 30°F (-1°C). Winds N at 5-10 mph.

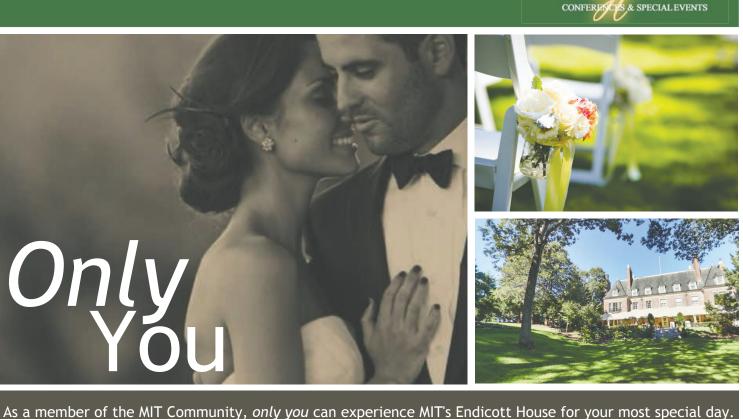
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, with a slight chance of a light wintry mix Friday night. High 40°F (4°C), with winds N at 5-10 mph.

Saturday: A slight chance of light rain or snow showers, otherwise cloudy, with highs in the low 40s °F (6°C).

Sunday: Rain, becoming heavy at times. Highs in the mid 50s °F (12°C)

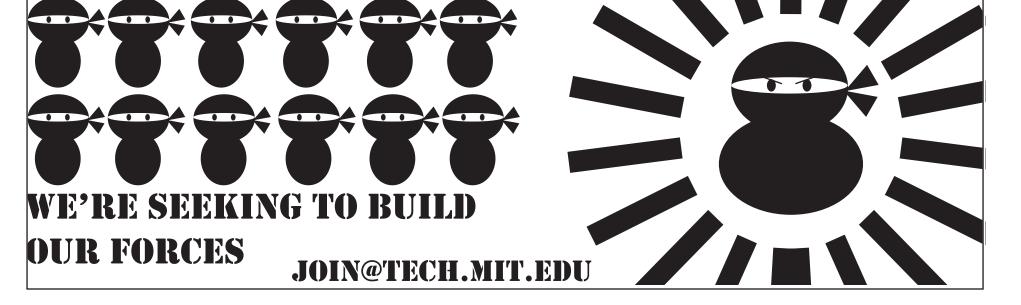






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Maseeh had left DormCon two years ago, citing budgetary concerns that have since been addressed Maseeh Boat Cruise and Maseeh Hall Formal among the dorm's large events that

could benefit from the additional funding that only a coalition of dorms can provide

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"Since Maseeh was a new dorm, we didn't have that many events like Baker's signature piano drop or the infamous East Campus rollercoaster," current MHEC Justice Alejandro Cabrales '18 said. "We were still paying the DormCon fee of \$5 per student, but not getting that much out of it, so we chose to

DormCon President nadav Shavit '16 said, "Maseeh years ago during a difficult period in DormCon's history. Nearly all of their former concerns have since been addressed. Primarily, DormCon's event funding policy, which was formerly a major point of contention, has since been overhauled."

With the addition of the Maseeh Boat Cruise in the fall and the possibility of a Maseeh Hall Formal in the spring, the dorm now has events that require heavy funding,

making DormCon membership a more appealing option for MHEC. Maseeh can now publicize orientation events in the DormCon REX booklet, and DormCon's relationship with the MIT administration may give MHEC a better way to communicate with the school

"The most beneficial aspect of this for Maseeh will be collective bargaining power," Moses said.

In particular, Maseeh can now participate in various DormCon discussions such as new dorm construction, dining plan renegotiation, and dorm security. According to Moses, when Maseeh was separate from DormCon it had usually been underrepresented in any general body meeting.

Of course, this all comes at a significant cost. Because Maseeh is the most populous dorm, the DormCon student tax would be expensive for the house government. Cabrales asserted that MHEC would pay for the tax without raising fees for Maseeh residents. Based on DormCon's budget for this past fall, Maseeh's dues to DormCon for about 500 students would comprise approximately 15% of the taxes leveraged by DormCon in the fall semester.

Bexley, which did not have a house government, left DormCon in 2008; Maseeh left five years after. With the demolition of Bexley and the readdition of Maseeh, DormCon now represents all MIT



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016 THE TECH 7

Admissions office says CAAS is 'not necessary' for MIT

MIT willing to experiment with new ideas to improve application

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allows students to share these items with teachers, counselors, and

According to Dean of Admissions Stuart Schmill, MIT is "very happy" with its own application. "We like having the flexibility to design our application the way we want," Schmill wrote in an email to The Tech. "The new Coalition App was developed in large part as a back up to the Common App, and therefore not necessary for MIT."

However, Schmill said that MIT is "willing to experiment" with new ideas regarding its application

"We are having preliminary discussions on redesigning the MyMIT portal and application. It will be a long-term project," he said.

Schmill cited the Maker Portfolio, which allows students to showcase hands-on projects they have worked on, as an example of MIT's willingness to experiment.

One of the key goals of CAAS is to aid low-income and disadvantaged students in the college admissions process. According to Schmill, MIT addresses this goal by reaching out to these students, both from the admissions office and through programs such as Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science (MITES) and Programs for Research in Mathematics, Engineering, and Science for High School Students

A blog post on Inside Higher Ed expressed concerns that by involving students in the college admis-

sions process in ninth grade, CAAS will only heighten the stress felt by students. To move the focus of the platform from achievement to growth, the author wrote, "Maybe that 'virtual college locker' should require a certain number of screwups to be documented," and students could "describe how that felt, and what they learned from those experiences, what is different about them now."

Schmill said that some aspects of the MIT application were designed to reduce anxiety. He said that the application was revised about ten years ago to include only five spaces for extracurricular activities, and that the admissions office uses admissions blogs to make the process "as transparent as possible."

"I think a lot of the anxiety comes from students not knowing exactly what colleges are looking for, and therefore thinking that colleges have outsized expectations for them," Schmill said.

CAAS was announced in September 2015, so the 2016-17 application cycle will be the first in which it is open to students. The locker and collaboration tools will become available in April 2016, and the application portal itself will open in summer 2016.

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Solution to Techdoku I

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Solution to Sudoku II

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Solution to Techdoku II

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MIT sailing team takes 14th | Red Sox pay price place at Rose Bowl Regatta

Some of the country's highest-ranked programs competed at the weekend event hosted by USC

The MIT sailing team, ranked No. 14 in the latest Coed College



The regatta featured nationally ranked programs from across the country including No. 2 Georgetown University, No. 3 U.S. Coast Guard Academy, No. 4 College of Charleston, No. 9 Boston University, No. 10 U.S. Naval Academy, No. 14 MIT, No. 19 Tufts University, and No. 20 University of California Santa Barbara.

David Larson '16, Christopher Ford '16, and Megan McKnelly '17 claimed 12th place in the A division with 103 points. Larson sailed in all eight rotations, while McKnelly competed in rotations 1-4 and 7-8, and Ford helped over middle races 5-6. The trio took fourth place in the second rotation and eighth in the sixth rotation, their best placements of the weekend.

Ford then teamed up with Joe Paggi '16 and Sameena Shaffeeullah '19 to place 12th in the B division with a total of 94 points. Over the eight-race, two-day regatta, Ford, Paggi, and Shaffeeullah had their best performances in the fifth rotation (sixth overall).

MIT is off until the end of February when the Cardinal and Gray travel to South Carolina for the College of Charleston Team Race which is slated for February 27

Men's swimming and diving finishes first in Winter Invite

Engineers earn 38 NCAA 'B' cuts; team of four wins 400 freestyle relay, setting new pool record

By Max Berkowitz DAPER STAFF

The MIT men's swimming and diving team, ranked No. 8 in the



latest College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA), finished in front of five teams to win its own Winter Invitational with

1,624.5 points. The Engineers earned 38 NCAA "B" cuts in total

In second place was No. 3 NYU with 1,230 points, followed by Tufts University with 833 points, Keene State College with 633.5 points, SUNY New Paltz with 361 points, and Wheaton College with

In the 200-yard medley relay,

MIT's A team comprised Alex Lednev '16, Brandon McKenzie '19, Sean Corcoran '16, and Jeremy Bogle '18, and finished third in 1:30.83.

The B squad made up of Bradlev Mattix '16, Justin Chiu '18, Douglas Kogut '16, and Joshua Tomazin '16 finished just behind them in fourth in 1:31.8. Both relay teams qualified under the "B" cut time of 1:32.29 and will go on to an NCAA appearance.

Josh Graves '19 placed second in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:34.10. In the 200-yard backstroke, Daniel Smith '19 placed third in 1:50.27, Kogut placed fourth in 1:50.75, and Luke Eure '19 came in fifth in 1:51.27. All four Engineers earned "B" cuts for their quick swims in the pool.

Corcoran notched a first place

finish in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 48.84, while Chiu and McKenzie placed second and third, respectively, in the 200yard breaststroke. Chiu registered a time of 2:05.33 and McKenzie was just 0.22 behind with a time of 2:05.55 — both good enough for NCAA "B" cuts.

Daryl Neubieser '16 rounded out the individual highlights for MIT, coming in second in the 100vard freestyle with a time of 45.16, which was 0.09 seconds faster than last year's Winter Invitational standard.

Bogle, Smith, Tomazin, and Neubieser ended the meet on a high note as the quad came in first place in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:00.67, setting a new pool record by 0.10

to sign David Price Following dismal season, team

enters record deal with pitcher

By Souparno Ghosh SPORTS EDITOR

Following back-to-back seasons of last-place finishes in the American League (AL) East, the Red Sox splashed the cash early in the offseason, signing free agent David Price to a record-breaking 7-year, \$217 million deal. This deal makes the left-handed ace the highest paid pitcher in the history of major league baseball and the first pitcher with a 'one million dollar per start' price tag.

David Price has been one of the most dominant pitchers in the AL. Each season since 2010, he has won double-digit regular season games, and has pitched at least 200 innings in all but one year (186.2 in 2013). Price won the AL Cy Young award in 2010 and has finished second in voting twice, most recently in 2015, where he led the American League with a 2.45 ERA en route to an 18-5 record.

Price's numbers at Fenway Park are impressive too. In 11 regular season games at Fenway, he has held opponents to a mere .186 batting average. Price is a hard-throwing strike-thrower with a career record of 8.6 strikeouts per innings pitched and a 3.6 strikeout/walk ratio. In many ways, Price represents the perfect fit to be the leader of the rotation in Boston, a rotation that boasts the highly talented Eduardo Rodriguez, veterans Clay Buchholz and Rick Porcello, and Joe Kelly.

The deal, however, was in many ways uncharacteristic of the Red Sox organization. The John Henry-Tom Werner ownership have strictly stayed away from offering multi-year megacontracts to pitchers over 30. No exception was made even for the much-loved Jon Lester, who signed with the Cubs last offseason. The team's failure to sign a true top-of-the-rotation ace and its poor performance in the ensuing season could have made the Boston front office rethink its approach in Price's case. It was perhaps to make such bold, decisive moves that the Red Sox hired new President of Baseball Operations Dave Dombrowski. Dombrowski did not shy away from giving Miguel Cabrera the richest contract in baseball or making Justin Verlander the then highest-paid pitcher while he was in Detroit, and he sure did not waste time landing ance in David Price and an all-star closer in Craig Kimbrel.

Some doubted whether Price would join the Boston team, since he had been part of the Tampa Bay Rays organization, a bitter division rival of the Red Sox, for many years. Things got heated between Price and Big Papi when the left handed slugger took him deep in a 2013 divisional round playoff game, and escalated further when Price drilled Ortiz the first time they faced each other in 2014. But all seems forgotten now as both players look to reconcile and help Boston reach the pinnacle of baseball once again in what will be the final chapter of David Ortiz's hall-of-fame career.

The other major skepticism about Price was his rather pedestrian numbers in the postseason. When asked about his postseason struggles at his inaugural press conference in Boston, he quipped, "I was saving all my postseason wins for the Red Sox.'

There is plenty for Red Sox fans to be optimistic about in 2016, including the chance to see one of today's most dominant pitchers take the mound every five days. Incidentally, David Price will be donning the No. 24 jersey. You might recall another high profile free-agent signing from the last decade who also donned the No. 24 jersey for the Red Sox. Well, we all know how that turned out If Price can have the same impact Manny Ramirez had in Boston, it promises to be another decade of AL East titles, postseason appearances, and hopefully more duck boat parades.

Women's swim & dive gets third at home invitational

The Engineers finish with 16 NCAA 'B' cuts at MIT Winter Invite; Columbia, NYU take 1st, 2nd

By Max Berkowitz

The MIT women's swimming and diving team, ranked No. 8 in the latest Col-



Swimming Coaches Association of America (CS-CAA), finished third among nine teams at its own Winter In-

vitational with 875 points. The Engineers earned 16 NCAA "B" cuts over the three-day event.

Division I foe Columbia University won the meet with 1,292 points, while NYU, ranked No. 5, came in second with 1.119.

In the 200-yard medley relay, MIT's A team comprised Catherine Wu '19, Jessica Chen '18, Margaret Guo '16, and Veronika Jedryka '18, and finished third with a time of 1:44.82. The team's time was good enough for an NCAA "B" cut and was 0.34 secands faster than the meet standard from last year.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Addie Chambers '19 and Theresa Lo '19 finished second and third with times of 4:59.87 and 5:00.79, respectively, both earning "B" cuts in the process.

Jedryka clinched a first place finish and a "B" cut in the 200yard backstroke with a time of 2:02.15, which was 0.39 seconds quicker than her second-place opponent from Columbia.

Wu and Guo placed the high-

est for the Cardinal and Gray in the 100-yard butterfly with fifth and sixth place finishes respectively. Wu clocked a time of 57.85, while Guo touched the wall in 57.99 seconds.

Chen went on to finish fourth in the 200-yard breaststroke, MIT's best finish in the event. With a time of 2:22.08, she earned her first individual cut.

The final event of the MIT Winter Invitational was the 400yard freestyle relay. Jedryka, Guo, Yu, and Chen teamed up for a third place finish behind Columbia and NYU with a time of 3:29.00. The team earned a "B" cut in the event, with a time half a second faster than last year's meet standard.

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